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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH FRONT LINE
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STATES

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPTTEL TALKING POINTS APPROVED
BY CONTACT GROUP FOR USE WITH FRONT LINE STATES IN EFFORT
ENCOURAGE THEM TO STAY BEHIND OUR NAMIBIA PROPOSAL AND
PRESS SWAPO TO ACCEPT. IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD
SEPARATELY MAKE POINTS IN PARA 2 BELOW AT HIGHEST

POSSIBLE LEVEL TO UNDERSCORE OUR CONCERN THAT OUR NAMIBIAN INITIATIVE MOVE AHEAD DESPITE OBVIOUS SET-BACK AS RESULT OF SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON ANGOLA. FOR LUSAKA AND DAR ES SALAAM: WE BELIEVE THAT OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE HELPED BY NIGERIAN ATTENDANCE AT SUMMIT MEETING WHICH PRESIDENT KAUNDA IS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE SENSITIVITY OF SUGGESTING THAT NIGERIANS BE INCLUDED, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SIMPLY TO ASK KAUNDA AND NYERERE WHETHER NIGERIA WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING.

2. TALKING POINTS:

- WE HAVE NOW REACHED A CRITICAL POINT IN OUR NAMIBIAN INITIATIVE. THE NEXT TWO WEEKS MAY BE DECISIVE;

- THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON ANGOLA WAS INDEFENSIBLE. WE SUPPORTED THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ADOPTED MAY 7 AND WE HAVE MADE OUR VIEWS VERY CLEARLY KNOWN TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

- WE SHARE AFRICAN INDIGNATION AT WHAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE DONE, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS ACTION SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DESTROY OUR NAMIBIAN INITIATIVE. THE FRONT LINE STATES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP HAVE INVESTED TOO MUCH EFFORT AND HAVE TOO MUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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AT STAKE TO ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. IF THE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, YOU CAN RELY ON OUR STRONG SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT IT IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

- HAD OUR PROPOSAL BEEN ACCEPTED BY SWAPO AND APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN WILLING TO RUN THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON ANGOLA. IN THIS RESPECT, SWAPO'S DELAY IN ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL PLAYED INTO SOUTH AFRICA'S HANDS.

- WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE KEY AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS TO JOIN WITH US IN THE LAST PUSH NEEDED TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

- WE NEED NOT POINT OUT THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH SUCH SUCCESS COULD HAVE FOR OUR COMMON EFFORTS TO SECURE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA.

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